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## Education

*Dress regulations for pupils and teachers in all schools.*

*1762 *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the minimum dress requirements for pupils and teachers respectively in all schools as required by the Education Rules have been settled by the Director of Public Instruction, and if so, whether the same would be placed on the table;

(*b*) whether the said circular has been communicated to all headmasters and managers of schools;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that some headmasters and managers are requiring as a matter of rule the strict observance of dress beyond the minimum requirements for teachers as settled by the Director of Public Instruction; and

(*d*) if the answer to clause (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government will circularize the Director of Public Instruction's ruling to all headmasters and managers of schools?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) No general circular has been issued by the Director of Public Instruction though replies have been sent by him to references received from individual heads of institutions.

(*c*) & (*d*) The matter is left to the discretion of the managements and headmasters who are competent to decide what good manners and self-respect require on the part of teachers and pupils.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I know if the Government are aware that there was a circular published in the papers to the effect that schoolmasters need not be insisted on to wear turbans and that it is being disobeyed?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"As I said, there is no general order."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware that there are instructions issued by the Director of Public Instruction that turbans need not necessarily be worn by teachers, but all the same, some headmasters are urging the necessity of wearing turbans?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I am not aware, Sir."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"In the answer it is stated that replies have been sent by the Director of Public Instruction. May I take it that the replies are all based on some uniform principle?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, the hon. Member may take it at that."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"What is the principle involved?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know what minimum dress the Director of Public Instruction has prescribed in these replies?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I do not understand what the hon. Member means by 'minimum dress'."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA:—"Loin cloth." (Laughter.)